

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A method for inputting/outputting audio data to or from a computer via at least one regular telephone, the method comprising:

- a electrically connecting a configurable adapter between the at least one telephone and the computer; and
- b. facilitating analog data transfer through said adapter between the at least one telephone and the computer.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said adapter is a stand-alone adapter.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said adapter is implemented in the computer modem.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said adapter is implemented in the computer Audio card.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating includes placing and receiving of regular calls.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating includes sending and receiving voice messages.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating includes using the keypad of the at least one telephone to send DTMF signals to the computer.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said analog data transfer includes voice communication.
9. A system for audio data input/output to a computer, comprising:
 - a. at least one telephone, and
 - b. a configurable adapter connected between, and in analog communication with said at least one telephone and the computer.
10. The system of claim 9, wherein said at least one telephone is a regular telephone.
11. The system of claim 9, wherein said adapter is a stand-alone adapter.
12. The system of claim 9, wherein said adapter is implemented in the computer modem.
13. The system of claim 9, wherein said adapter is implemented in the computer Audio card.

14. An adapter that facilitates data communication between at least one regular telephone and a computer while allowing various connections to audio peripherals, comprising:
 - a. electrical connection means to the at least one telephone and the computer; and
 - b. switching means to change operation modes by which the data communication is carried out.
15. The adapter of claim 14, further comprising electrical connection means to audio computer peripherals and to a PSTN line.
16. The adapter of claim 15, wherein said switching means are manual.
17. The adapter of claim 15, wherein said switching means are automatic.
18. The adapter of claim 15 implemented as a stand-alone unit.
19. The adapter of claim 15, implemented in the computer modem.
20. The adapter of claim 15, implemented in the computer audio card.